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SUBJ: TAX TREATY

1. DCM, IN CONVERSATION WITH PERMSEC MINEXTAFF ORIS RUSSELL ON OTHER MATTERS, WAS TOLD YESTERDAY THAT HIS PEOPLE (PRE-SUMABLY ADDERLEY AND POSSIBLY PRIMIN) WERE NOT VERY HAPPY WITH STORIES APPEARING IN LOCAL NASSAU TRIBUNE ATTRIBUTED TO TREASURY AND IRS PERSONNEL. STATED THAT "IF IRS AND THOSE FELLOWS WERE TRYING TO PUT PRESSURE ON GCOB BY LEAKS, THIS WAS NOT THE WAY TO PROMOTE GOOD RELATIONS." THIS IS, OF COURSE, REACTION WHICH EMBASSY FEARED.

2. AS WE HAVE REPEATEDLY STATED FOR THE PAST SEVERAL MONTHS, WE ARE PREPARED TO PLACE A DRAFT AGREEMENT BEFORE GCOB TO COVER SUCH MATTERS. WE DO BELIEVE, HOWEVER, THAT IT WOULD BE WISE FOR AGREEMENT TO COVER RANGE OF U.S. AGENCIES INTERESTS IN INVESTIGATIVE MATTERS RATHER THAN SOLELY TAX ISSUE. AS DEPARTMENT AWARE, IT IS NOT EASY TO GET GCOB TO FOCUS ON ALMOST ANY COMPLICATED BILATERAL NEGOTIATION. IF, THEREFORE, WE FIRST GO FORWARD WITH A TREATY OR EXECUTIVE AGREEMENT SOLELY DEALING WITH TAX MATTERS AND THEN SUBSEQUENTLY PROPOSE ADDITIONAL GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT ARRANGEMENTS COVERING OTHER USG REQUIREMENTS, IT IS ALMOST CERTAIN THAT THIS WILL ENCOUNTER SOME CONFUSION AND CONSIDERABLE
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DELAY. IF IT IS POSSIBLE FOR WASHINGTON TO SEND US A

COMPREHENSIVE PACKAGE, IN THE LONG RUN THIS WILL SAVE TIME
AND TROUBLE.
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